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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH APRIL 8 ON LOS

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1. LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER MAKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL WAS HAND-DELIVERED BY POL COUNSELOR TO MWASHUMBE, MFA CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, ON APRIL 12. TEXT OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH WAS APPENDED. AMBASSADOR URGED GOK TO ACCEPT HIGH SEAS STATUS FOR 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE, PER SPECIAL GUIDANCE IN REFTEL FOR NAIROBI.

2. IN RECEIVING LETTER, MWASHUMBE ASKED HOW MANY COUNTRIES ACCEPTED HIGH SEAS PRINCIPLE FOR ECONOMIC ZONE, POL COUNSELOR POINTED TO SECRETARY'S REFERENCE TO WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT ON MAXIMUM BREADTH OF TERRITORIAL SEA OF 12 MILES. MWASHUMBE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES FAVORED FULL SOVEREIGNTY OVER 200-MILE ZONE. POL COUNSELOR SAID U.S. POSITION TOOK INTO ACCOUNT ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF COASTAL STATES, AND WE EXPECTED IN TURN THAT OUR ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION WOULD BE ACCOMMODATED. MWASHUMBE PROMISED THAT U.S. VIEWS WOULD RECEIVE CAREFUL GOK CONSIDERATION.

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